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Decision Notice
For Construction of Permanent Picnic Shelter
At Spring Meadow Lake State Park

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Region 3
1400 S. 19th
Bozeman, MT 59715

March 13, 1995

The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks proposes to construct a permanent picnic shelter at Spring Meadow Lake State Park. The work consists of a sheltered structure 20" X 28' located near the entrance on the south side, adjacent to the disabled parking lot and walking trail.

The Department received five (5) written comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA). The comments concerned listing the Department of Commerce on the list of agencies consulted during the preparation of the EA, providing proper pedestrian circulation to the shelter, building plans that are stamped by a Montana licensed architect or engineer, proper accessible paths for American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, possible traffic congestion at entrance, access to parking facilities, fee changes, funding for upkeep and future plans for cumulative development at the park and are summarized below.

Agency Listings

The Department of Commerce shall be added to the list of consultants for Parks EA draft review.

Pedestrian Circulation/ADA Access

Placement of shelter will not inhibit current walkways. A paved walkway will be installed that will meet ADA standards from the Handicap parking space.

Building Plans

The Department is in possession of plans that are stamped by a licensed Montana engineer.

Traffic Congestion And Parking

Traffic will be directed, as it has been in the past, by the attendant on duty at the entrance of Spring Meadow State Park. A loading/unloading parking spot shall be designated for the reserved participants and parking shall be designated and available in the existing parking lot. Parking spots can be reserved if the reservation party indicates how many spots and for which time period.

Fee Changes

Day use fees will not be affected with this addition. Group use fees shall be charged in accordance to the Montana State Parks Fee Schedule; Designated Group Use areas.

Funding For Maintenance Of Shelter

Maintenance and cleaning of structure has been incorporated into current maintenance crew and attendant schedule and duties. The cleaning deposit charged for group use is designed to cover damages or extra cleaning required from group use activity.

By response to comments received on the draft environmental assessment, this decision notice will act as a supplement which changes the draft to the final EA

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the response listed in response to the draft inquiries, I have evaluated the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

The departments's decision is to implement the proposed action and construct the group use picnic shelter in the location specified in the final EA. The construction work will take place during the spring of 1995.

The final Environmental Assessment, may be viewed at or obtained from the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region 3, Bozeman, Montana. Please direct requests and questions to:

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Sincerely,

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